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RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS ROBINSON TO INTERROGATORY OF DAVID B. POPKIN PURSUANT TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING NO. R2000-1/44 (DBP/USPS-5[i][7])

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Robinson to the following interrogatories of David B. Popkin: DBP/USPS-5[i][7], filed on March 3, 2000. This interrogatory, which was redirected from the Postal Service, is being answered pursuant to Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/44.

Each interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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DBP/USPS-5 [i] [7] The weight of the container without contents.

Per Ruling R2000-1/44: "... the Service is directed to provide the tare weights of each of the envelopes, boxes and tubes listed on page 1 of the Attachment to DBP/USPS-5 under "Supply Item Description" for Express Mail and Priority Mail."

RESPONSE:

[i] [7] One example of each of the envelopes, boxes and tubes listed below was weighed on a NCR POS-ONE retail terminal on May 3, 2000 at Postal Service Headquarters in Washington D.C. It is my understanding that the weight of these containers may vary depending on humidity.

Express Mail

| Description | Item Number | Weight (ounces) |
|--|-------------|-----------------|
| Window Envelope for Custom Design Express Mail Label | EP-13 | 0.3 |
| 8 oz. Standard Envelope - Cardboard | EP-13A | 1.5 |
| Customer Receipt Envelope | EP-13B | 0.3 |
| Tyvek Envelope - Large | EP-13C | 0.5 |
| International Envelope | EP-13E | 0.9 |
| Flat Rate Envelope - Cardboard | EP-13F | 1.4 |
| Box 12 1/4 x 15 1/2 x 3 | 0-1093 | 9.1 |
| Tube 6 x 38 Express or Priority | 0-1098 | 12.6 |

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Priority Mail

| Description | PSIN/ <u>Item Number</u> | Weight (ounces) |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Flat Rate Envelope - Cardboard 6 x 10 | EP-14B | 0.7 |
| Tyvek Envelope - 12 x 15 1/2 | EP-14 | 0.5 |
| Flat Rate Envelope - Cardboard 12 1/2 x 9 1/2 | EP-14F | 1.4 |
| Envelope - Cardboard 5 x 10 (Window) | EP-14 H | 0.7 |
| Box 7 x 7 x 6 (Box 04) | 0-10100-04 | 4.4 |
| Box 12 x 12 x 8 (Box 07) | 0-10101-07 | 11.1 |
| Box 12 1/4 x 15 1/2 x 3 | 0-1095 | 8.2 |
| Box "Video" 9 1/4 x 6 1/4 x 2 (Large) | 0-1096 (Large) | 2.7 |
| Box "Video" 8 5/8 x 5 3/8 x 1 5/8 (Small) | 0-1096(Small) | 2.1 |
| Box 11 1/4 x 14 x 2 1/4 | 0-1097 | 6.1 |
| Tube 6 x 38 Express or Priority | 0-1098 | 12.6 |

DECLARATION

I, Maura Robinson, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Maura Robinson

Dated: 5.3.2000

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

Richard T. Cooper

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